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RABORN'S RETIREMENT ASTONISHES WASHINGTON

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(Text) Washington, 20 June. The retirement of Admiral Raborn from the post of director of the Central Intelligence Agency caused great surprise in Washington. It is being said here that Raborn had become CIA director only 13 months ago and on Johnson's insistence. Admiral Raborn was proclaimed as a man who "knows his job well," but now all the influential papers assert without exception that he had not been expert enough in foreign policy or experienced enough in intelligence.

For the time being the reason for his retirement is secret, but one can hear the opinion that his replacement, Richard Helms, has emerged from the ranks of the CIA and that under his administration the "CIA will be more efficient." In the numerous comments on Raborn's retirement it is being said, among other things, that the various recent failures of the CIA speeded the decision and that it may have been reached with President Johnson's assistance. Attention there has been drawn to the recent series of New York TIMES articles on CIA activities from which one could conclude that the intelligence agency is a "state within the state."